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ICE AND CBP TEAM UP TO ARREST AND REMOVE ECUADORIAN FUGITIVE LINKED TO EMBEZZLING MILLIONS

MIAMI- U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and Customs and Border Protection (CBP) announced that the former president of an Ecuadorian bank wanted by the Ecuadorian government for his involvement in the embezzlement of millions of dollars was escorted back to his home country late last night by ICE detention and removal officers.

Fifty-one-year-old Carlos Miranda-Alcivar, former president of the Banco del Azuay, applied for admission into the United States at Miami International Airport on Feb. 8, 2005. Miranda-Alcivar, who was traveling from Cancun, Mexico, provided CBP inspectors with a valid Ecuadorian passport and visa.

During the routine inspection, CBP officers discovered that Interpol had issued a warrant for Miranda-Alcivar's arrest based on the pending criminal charges that had been filed against him in Ecuador for embezzlement, bribery, extortion and unfair enrichment.

Miranda-Alcivar was subsequently denied admission into the country, placed in removal proceedings, and transported to the Krome Detention Center in South Florida.

On March 22, 2005, an immigration judge found Miranda-Alcivar inadmissible and ineligible for any form of immigration relief.

"International criminals seeking to hide in our country to avoid facing criminal charges need to think twice, said Michael Rozos, Florida's field office director for detention and removal. "We are restoring integrity to our nation's immigration system by working closely with our federal partners at the border to ensure that individuals like Miranda-Alcivar are denied entry into our country."

"Vigilance and teamwork are key in our day-to-day fight to keep America's frontline safe," said Thomas Winkowski, director of field operations for the Miami field office. "We will continue

to use our multi-layered approach to protecting the homeland to keep out criminals who seek to use the United States as a safe haven.”

The Office of Detention and Removal (DRO) focuses on promoting public safety and national security by ensuring that all aliens who are subject to deportation are removed from the United States as expeditiously as possible

Last year, ICE removed a record setting 160,000 aliens; approximately 53 percent were criminal aliens. ICE’s Florida field office has removed 1,617 aliens since the beginning of fiscal year 05; 862 were criminal aliens.

ICE

U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement was established in March 2003 as the largest investigative arm of the Department of Homeland Security. ICE is comprised of five integrated divisions that form a 21st century law enforcement agency with broad responsibilities for a number of key homeland security priorities.